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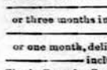

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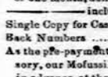

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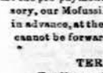

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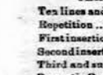

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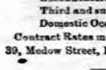

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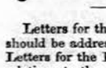

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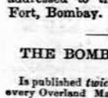

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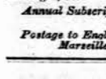

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Poona, 26th May 1863.

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These well-known valuable properties having been carefully looked after, are in excellent order, and will be sold together with the plant, tools, pulpers, water wheels, and all the dead stock.
Further particulars and conditions will be announced in future advertisements. Meanwhile any information may be obtained of Messrs. DICKSON, LATHAM & Co., Colombo, or of the Executors, 27, Loadenhall Street, London, E.C.

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NOTICE.—All Goods from the *Morayshire*, for which notice to take delivery has been given, but for which Bonds have not been sent to the respective owners, have been landed by our Muccudum, and are now lying at the Custom-house at the expense and risk of the concerned, from the time of leaving the Ship's side.
BLACKWELL & Co., Agents for the Captain.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per *Lord Raglan*, from London, are requested to SEND OF BOATS for their respective Cargoes, failing which, they will be landed by Captain Hayes, at the Custom-house, at their expense and risk.
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NOTICE.—TENDERS are invited for LANDING

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BOMBAY DAILY BILL, SHARE, STOCK, AND FREIGHT LIST.

BOMBAY GAZETTE OFFICE,
Tuesday, 16th June 1863.

EXCHANGE.

On What Place.	Terms.	Rates.
London Banks	6 months' sight	2s. 0½d.
Do. Credits	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d.
Do. Documents	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d.
Calcutta	At sight	100½
Madras	30 days' sight	100½
China	60 Do. do.	230 per $100

SHARES.

Names.	Paid up.	Last Half-year's Dividend.	Rates
BANKS.	Rs.		[ex divd.
Agra Bank	300	5 per ct.	125 per ct. pm.
Bombay Bank	1,000	4½ do.	168 prem.
Central Bank	250	2½ do.	24 prem.
Commercial Bank	500	4 do.	50 ex divd.
Chartered Bank of India, A. & China	200	2½ do.	25 prem.
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China	250	5 do.	112 prem.
Oriental Bank Corporation	250	8 do.	130 per ct. pm.
Madras Bank	1,000	4½ do.	134 prem.
PRESS COS.			
Apollo Press Co.	11,000	1,800 per share.	Rs. 24,000 p.sh.
Colaba Press Co.	2,700	390 dr.	Rs. 6,000 p.sh.
Fort Press Co.	3,667	575 per share	Rs. 10,800 p.sh.
Hydraulic Press Co.	4,000	350 per share	Rs. 1,600 prem.
Elphinstone Land & Press Co.	6,000	250 per share	[per share. Rs. 12,000 prm. [per share.
RAILWAY COS.			
G. I. P. Railway Co. Consolidated Stock	218-3-0	per ct.	Rs. 8 prem.
Do. New £20 shares	130.14.6	2½ do.	Rs. 12 prem.
Bombay Baroda & C. I. Ry. Co.	1,000	2½ do.	Nominal.
SPINNING & WEAVING COS.			
Bombay Spinning & Weaving Co.	5,000	1,000 per share.	30% disct.
Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,100	.....	Rs. 200 disct.
Manockji Petit Spinning & Weaving Co.	550	.....	Rs. 150 disct.
Oriental Spinning & Weaving Co.	2,500	450 Rs. p. share.	Rs. 300 pm.
Royal Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,500	.....	Rs. 200 disct.
Victoria Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	Rs. 30 disct.
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Sir Albert Sassoon Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	125	.....	Nominal.
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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per Cent. Transfer Loan	104
" Loan 1838-56	} 99¼
" Loan 1842-43	
" Loan 1854-55	
New Five per Cent. Loan	109½
Five and a Half Per Cent. Loan	119

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 10-4½
Bank of England Notes	" 10-3
Spanish Dollars	" 240
Carolus	" 290
Mexican Dollars	" 225
German Crowns	" 213
New France Pieces	" 205
Bar Silver	" 107½
Gold Leaf	" 16-12

FREIGHTS.

To Liverpool (Cotton)	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 17s. 6d.
" (Seed)	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 19s. 0d.
To London (Cotton)	£2 15s. 0d. to £2 17s. 6d.
" (Seed)	£2 nominal.
To China	} No enquiry.
To Clyde	
To Hull	
To Calcutta and back	Rs. 20 offered.

PRICES CURRENT (15th June 1863.)

COTTON at Colaba	Per candy.
Broach and Surat New (ready.)	Rs. 490 to 495
New Dholleru, (ready.)	" 482 to 485
New Bhowuggur, (ready.)	" 482 to 485
New Oomrawutee	" 440 to 445
New Compta	" 455 to 460
New Dharwar Sawginned	" 565 to 570
New Barsee, and Nuggur	" 440 to 445
New Varsal	" 450 to 460
New Khandeish	" 430 to 435
New Poratchee	" 460 to 465
New Accota	" 465 to 470
New Mungrole	" 455 to 460
OPIUM—Malwa, Rs. 1,610 to 1,615.	
SEEDS—Linseed, Khandeish...at Rs.	6-12 to 6-13 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Guzerat	7-4 to 7-6
Gingelly mixed (Black and White)	32 to 33
	37 to 38
Nigur	27 to 28

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BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGES.

THE Bank's Agency in Bombay grants Bills of Exchange on THE CITY BANK, London, at the following rates viz.:—

6 month's sight (not under £50) at 2s.		per Rupee.
4 Do.	at 1s. 11½d.	"
3 Do.	at 1s. 11½d.	"
2 Do.	at 1s. 11½d.	"
1 Do.	at 1s. 11½d.	"
On demand (Head Office)	at 1s. 11½d.	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest is allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance, and on FIXED Deposits, as follows:—

Repayable in one sum, at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent.	
Do. 6 do.	5 "
Do. 12 do.	6 "

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 nor on Deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special arrangement.

REMITTANCES.

The Bank's Agency realises Drafts or Hoondies on the Presidency for remittance to Europe in the Bank's Bills on London without charge.

All Drafts, or Hoondies, forwarded for realisation, to be made payable to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, or order.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock and other Securities ½ per cent.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills.

On Interest or Dividends, or proceeds of Securities by sale ½ per cent. commission charged. If the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no charge.

On delivering up of Securities, deposited for safe custody, ¼ per cent.

Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Directors have recently opened an Agency of the Bank at Rangoon for the transaction of general Banking and Exchange Business.

ANTHONY MORRISON,
Bombay, 5th June 1863. Agent.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE CORPORATION grant Drafts on London on demand, and at from one day to six months' sight, and Drafts on Scotland and Ireland on demand; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, the Continent of Europe, New York, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape of Good Hope.

The Current rates of Exchange are:—

On London at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¾d. per Rupee.
" 4 do.	2s.	0¾d. do.
" 3 do.	2s.	0d. do.
" 2 do.	1s.	11¾d. do.
" 1 do.	1s.	11¾d. do.
" on demand	1s.	11¾d. do.
On Scotland do.	1s.	11¾d. do.
On Ireland do.		
On Paris, at 8 days' sight	1s.	11¾d. do.

Circular Notes payable throughout Europe. 1s. 11¾d. do.

No Drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Drafts are also granted on Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The Corporation purchase or collect Bills payable in Europe or in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

DEPOSITS.

The Corporation receive Deposits on the following terms:—

A payable on demand, in sums of Rs. 100 and upwards ..... 2 per ct. per annum.
Do. in one sum, at 3 months' notice ..... 3 "
Do. do. 6 do. ..... 4 "
Do. do. 12 do. ..... 5 "

No interest allowed on Deposits under Rs. 1,000, nor on deposits over Rs. 50,000, unless by *special arrangement.*

REMITTANCES.

The Corporation undertakes to remit money to Europe by each Overland Mail free of charge.

Parties are requested to make all Orders or Hoondies payable to "*The Oriental Bank Corporation or Order,*" and to state distinctly the name and address of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made. (*If to a Lady, her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

COMMISSION

The rate of Commission charged by this Agency on the purchase or sale of Government Securities negotiable in Bombay, is ¼ per cent. on the amount invested or realized, and on the collection of Bills, one per cent. and Postage.

The Corporation take charge of Government Paper, Shares in the Bank of Bombay, and other local Stocks, free of all charges and will draw Interests and Dividends on the same as they fall due, on the following terms:—

If to be remitted through the Corporation ..... Without charge.
" to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ..... ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper out of safe custody ..... ¼ per cent.

Hours of business ..... 10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturday ..... 10 to 1 do.

KURRACHEE SUB-AGENCY.

Drafts, Bills, &c., on Sub-Agency Drafts on the Corporation Bill Agency in London and Bombay.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

Incorporated by National Decree of 7th and 8th March 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 20th July 1854.
PAID-UP-CAPITAL.—Francs 40,000,000 (£1,600,000.)
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UNION BANK OF LONDON; MESSRS. C. J. HAMBRO AND SON.

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THIS Agency grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases or collects Bills on the abovementioned places; as also on the principal Towns of Continental Europe, on Madras, Pondichéry, Kurrachee, Ceylon, Mauritius, Singapore, Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne.

EXCHANGE.

Drafts granted as follows:—

On London 6 months' sight	2s.	0½d.	per Rp.
" 3 Do. Do.	2s.	0d.	"
" On Demand	1s.	11½d.	"
On France 6 months' sight	frs.	2-56 cts.	"
" 3 Do. Do.	"	2-53	"
" On Demand	"	2-50	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on Current Deposits when not less than Rs. 1000, nor exceeding Rs. 50,000, for fixed periods as may be specially arranged.

DISCOUNTS, LOANS, &c.

The Agency discounts approved Local Bills, grants Loans on Government Paper, Bullion, Bank Stock, and approved Shares and other Securities.

Any further information as to rates of business, &c. may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the undersigned, to whom all remittances should be made payable.

T. R. R. DUVENOY, Acting Manager.

Bombay, 25th March 1863.

THE BANK OF HINDUSTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING, IN 10,000 SHARES OF £100 EACH.
Head Office—16, *Cornhill, London.*

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SCOTLAND.....The National Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND .....The National Bank.

The Bombay Branch has been opened for business in the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Bombay.

The Manager grants drafts at the following rates of Exchange:—

On London or Liverpool at 6 months' sight 2s. 0½d. per Rup.
" " " " 4 do. " 2s. 0¼d. do.
" " " " 3 do. do. 2s. 0d. do.
" " " " 2 do. 1s. 11½d. do.
" " " " 1 do. 1s. 11¾d. do.
On Scotland } On demand ...1s. 11¾d. do.
On Ireland }

Drafts on *the Bank of England*, on *Scotland* or *Ireland* are issued payable on demand only.

To prevent disappointment to persons at a distance who may purchase the Bank's Bills on Europe, the Manager will, whenever so desired, forward the first of exchange direct on being furnished with the address of the person to whom the Bill is to be sent. *In all instances where a Bill is required in favor of a lady, her Christian name must be given in full.*

The Bank is prepared to negociate drafts payable in London or Liverpool, and will also purchase or grant Bills payable in Calcutta.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on balance exceeding Rs. 500 and not more than 50,000, and 1 per cent. per annum on balances exceeding Rs. 300 and not more than Rs. 500.

Interest is not allowed on balances of more than Rs. 50,000 except by special arrangement.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per anm.

do.	9	do.	do.	5½	do. do.
do.	6	do.	do.	5	do. do.
do.	4	do.	do.	4½	do. do.
do.	3	do.	do.	4	do. do.

Notice of withdrawal may be given either when the money is deposited or at any future time, if the deposit be taken in the Bank's draft at sight, the notice of withdrawal will *generally* be dispensed with.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off or of modifying the terms of Fixed Deposits, on giving one month's notice.

Deposits of Rs. 100 and not exceeding Rs. 50,000 are received by the Bank subject to 15 days' notice of withdrawal on either side, and interest allowed thereon at 2 per cent. below the Bank of Bombay minimum rate of discount, rising or falling therewith, but in no case will a higher rate than 5 per cent. be allowed on Deposits of this class.

Unless money shall have been lodged 15 days prior to the Notice of Withdrawal no interest will be allowed.

Government Paper and other Securities received for safe custody, and the interest remitted by the Bank's draft free of charge.

The Bank will procure enfacement of Government Paper on account of Constituents, and forward the same to the Head Office without charge.

It is particularly requested that all orders or Hoondees may be made payable to, and all communications addressed "*The Manager, Bank of Hindustan, (Limited,) Bombay.*"

R. E. W. BAKER, Manager.

Rampart Row, 12th June 1863.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank grants Drafts on London, and on Scotland and Ireland, also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, and the principal Towns of Europe, at the following current rates of Exchange:—

On London, at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
" 4 do.	2s.	0¼d.	"
" 3 do.	2s.	0d.	"
" 2 do.	1s.	11½d.	"
" 1 do.	1s.	11½d.	"
" On demand	1s.	11¾d.	"
On Scotland do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
On Ireland do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe, Overland at 1 day's sight	1s.	11¾d.	"

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50 and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

The Bank also purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, and Mauritius.

Bills collected at any of the above places at an uniform charge including postages, of one per cent.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts ..... 2 per cent.
Deposits for 3 months ..... 3 "
Do. 6 do. ..... 4 "
Do. do. 12 do. ..... 5 "

No interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 or on deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement

No cheques paid or cash received under Rs. 20.

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies, without charge, and realizes Interest and Dividends thereon on the following terms:—

If to be remitted in the Bank's Drafts, without charge
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper, or Share Certificates out of safe custody, or when sold on paying the proceeds of such sale in India, a commission, will be charged of ¼ per cent. But if proceeds are remitted on the Bank's Drafts, without charge.

Commission charged on purchase and sale of Government Securities and Shares ¼ per cent.

R. D. PEEBLES, Agent.

Bombay, 9th June 1863.

THE AGRA AND UNITED SERVICE BANK, (LIMITED.)

ESTABLISHED IN INDIA, 1833.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.

HEAD OFFICE.....LONDON.
BRANCHES AT CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AGRA, LAHORE, KURRACHEE, UMRITSUR, SHANGHAI, HONG-KONG, EDINBURGH, and SYDNEY.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000 (TWO MILLIONS STERLING.)
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (ONE MILLION STERLING.)
RESERVED FUND, £192,658 17s. 8d. Rs. 19,26,588 13as. 4p.

The Bombay Manager grants drafts on London on demand and at from one to six months sight; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt and the Continent of Europe.

The following are the current rates of Exchange:—

On London at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.
" 4 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.
" 3 months' sight	2s.	0d.
" 2 months' sight	1s.	11½d.
" 1 month's sight	1s.	11½d.
" On demand	1s.	11¾d.
Circular Notes	1s.	11¾d.

The London General Manager will generally, if desired, be prepared to discount the Bank's Bills at the current rate of the day.

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable at Calcutta, Agra, Madras, Lahore, Kurrachee, Umritsur, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, and Sydney.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

1. On Floating, or Current Deposits, payable on demand of not less than Rs. 1,000 or more than Rs. 59,000, 2 per cent. per annum.

2. On Fixed Deposits at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

3. On Fixed Deposits at 6 months' notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

4. On Fixed Deposits at 12 months' notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Fixed Deposits may generally be availed of for the Bank's Bills on London without notice.

Notice of withdrawal can be given at the time of depositing the money, or at any time thereafter.

Interest is credited to Deposit accounts half-yearly.

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement.

The Funds of all public bodies connected with the Services and of such other Societies as the Directors may consider eligible for the same privilege, will be received by the Bank at its highest rate of interest for the time being subject to modified conditions.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off all interest Deposits, and of modifying the terms thereof, on giving one month's notice.

Parties making remittances to the Bank should specify distinctly the Account or Accounts to which the same are to be credited. *Accuracy in this respect is particularly desirable*

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies, without charge, and realizes the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or other Securities out of safe custody, a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On the purchase or sale of Government Securities and Bank or other Stock, ¼ *per cent.*

To obviate disappointment to parties at a distance purchasing the Bank's Bills on England, which might reach them too late for despatch by first Mail, it is hereby notified that the Bank will, whenever so requested, transmit the first of Exchange direct, on being furnished with the correct address of the party at Home to whom the remittance is to be sent.

All Orders or Hoondies should be made payable to the Manager of the Agra & U. S. Bank, (Limited), or order, and the letters enclosing them should state distinctly the name of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made (*if to a Lady her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

NOTICE.—The Bank will obtain registry of Promissory Notes of the several Loans of the Indian Government, and Enfacement for payment of the Interest in London.

Drafts for interest on such Government Promissory Notes, on the Treasuries of Calcutta and Madras, will be received for encashment at current rates of Exchange, or for realization in India, at the Head Office of the Bank in London, where constituents can also deposit their securities for safe custody.

Parties are requested to address "*The Manager of the Agra and United Service Bank, (Limited), Bombay*" and to make all orders or Hoondies payable to him.

A Branch of the Bank has been lately established at Sydney, New South Wales, (Mr. Alexander Campbell, Manager) for the transaction of business in all its Branches.

H. B. MACCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 8th May 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 50,000, repayable on demand, at 2 per cent per annum.

On Deposits for 3 months certain 3 per cent per annum.
Do. " 6 " " 5 " "
Do. " 12 " " 6 " "

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London, at 6 months sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
Ditto at 4 ditto	2s.	0¼d.	do.
Ditto at 3 ditto	2s.	0¼d.	do.
Ditto at 2 ditto	2s.	0¾d.	do.
Ditto at 1 ditto	2s.	0d.	do.
Ditto on demand ditto	1s.	11¾d.	do.

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £5. and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government and other Securities ¼ per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, also without charge.

On Interest, or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by sale ½ per cent. commissioo charged, if the amounts be paid in India; if remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged.

On returning Securities out of safe custody, ¼ per cent commission.

Hours of business .....10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturdays .....10 to 1 do.

ROBERT ANGUS, Manager.

Bombay, 15th June 1863.

Shipping.

BOMBAY.

ARRIVALS.

DATE.	SHIPS.	COMMANDERS.	FROM
June 14	Gazelle	Nacoda	Zanzibar 24 May.
15	Coringa (s)	Blackmore	Bussorah 31 May.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Brig *Gazelle*, from Zanzibar.—18 natives.
Per Steamer *Coringa*, from Persian Gulf.—Mr. Ashdown; Esau bin Khalifa; and 29 deck.

PORT CLEARANCE.

The Ship *Sarawak*, J. Vaughan, bound to Liverpool, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

DAILY EXPORTS.

BOMBAY, MONDAY, 15TH JUNE 1863.

For London.

Morayshire.—1 box Working Boxes; 2 boxes Indian Oilmanstores, C. Framjee Nowrojee.

Bucephalus.—100 bags Sursseeed, 150 cwt., Mooljee Jewraz.

For Liverpool.

Peter Maxwell.—51 bales Cotton, 178½ cwt., Bhutta Lala; 13 bags Coffee, 13 cwt., Lawrence and Co.

Crescent.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Varesy Malljee; 4 bales Cotton, 14 cwt., Goculdass Cursondass.

Bavelaw.—28 bales Cotton, 98 cwt., Tikumjee Velljee and Co.

Bulwark.—62 bales Cotton, 217 cwt., Cooverjee Cowrajee; 25 bales Cotton, 87½ cwt., Cowrjee Framjee.

United South.—215 bales Cotton, 753½ cwt., Govind Hurry; 250 bales Cotton, 875 cwt., Sewmoorty Anapoory.

Ambross.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Tickumjee Velljee and Co.

Venus.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Eduljee Framjee and Co.

Africana.—160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Vasunjee Mussy.

Sir Charles Napier.—25 bales Cotton, 87½ cwt., Cowasjee Jehangir.

Douglas Castle.—125 bales Cotton, 437½ cwt., Muthooradass Vasunjee.

Excellent.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Robinson and Co.

Albion.—500 bundles Country Gall, 250 cwt., Purseotum Sewjee and Co.; 500 bundles Country Gall, 250 cwt., Narron Wethumjee.

Auchnesgh.—260 bales Cotton, 910 cwt., E. and H. Shapoorjee and Co.

Margaret Blair.—28 bales Cotton, 98 cwt., Nurbairam Mooljee; 500 bags Sursseeed, 250 cwt., Mooljee Jewraz.

Sea Mondok.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Shapoorjee S. Naricelvala.

Africana.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Cursetjee Furdoonjee and Co.; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Rustomjee Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy; 70 bales Cotton, 245 cwt., Manock Vandoorung; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Wootumchund Muncharam.

Forganhall.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Kessowjee Petamber.

Americana.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Nesserwanjee Manockjee; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Golakchund Moteechund; 200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Purseotum Herachund.

Scotland.—1 case Chinaware; 1 case Books and Clothes, A. Bell and Co.

For Havre.

Lowadie and Anna.—800 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Volkart Brothers.

For New York.

Anna Armstrong.—180 bales Coiryarn, 450 cwt., Lee and Brown.

For Honghong.

Steamer *Indore.*—4 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Futtabhoy Ameerjee; 6 chests M. Opium, 186 lbs. each, Munoharjee Jamsetjee and Sons; 84 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Trachund Ramchund; 5 chests M. Opium, 136 lbs. each, Jeathabhoy Nemchund; 1 trunk Country Handkerchieves, 63¼ corges, Cooverjee Rustomjee; 8 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Purseotum Herachund; 20 chests M. Opium, 186 lbs. each, Curimbhoy Ebrum; 10 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co.; 21 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Sewjee Nensy and Co.; 22 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Woomedchund Hokumchund; 8 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Jugunath Ramjus.

For Shanghai.

Steamer *Indore.*—38 chests Malwa Opium, 140 lbs. each, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co.; 4 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Bhoychund Joomkha; 23 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Woomedchund Hokumchund; 10 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Joravurmull Sewlall; 24 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Cassumbhoy Natha Sons and Co.

LIST OF VESSELS OF THE BOMBAY MARINE.

	VESSELS.	STATIONS.
1.	Ajdaha	Bombay Harbour.
2.	Coromandel	Do.
3.	Dalhousie	Kurrachee.
4.	Goolanar	} Bombay Harbour.
5.	Hugh Rose	
6.	Snake	
7.	Zenobia	
8.	Hornet (s) Dayman	

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

[(s.) signifies commenced loading."]

FOR LONDON.

935	Bucephalus, Black—Ewart, Latham & Co.	(c. l. June 8)
1191	Conway, C. Spence—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. May 11)
724	Morayshire, Mathers—Blackwell & Co.	(c. l. May 29)
1047	Mystery, Stap—Ewart Latham & Co.	(c. l. May 28)
1107	Scotland, Campbell—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. May 29)
794	Shannon, Hemsworth—Geddinn & Co.	(c. l. June 8)
835	Wellington, G. Ditchburn—Forbes & Co.	(c. l. April 29)

FOR LIVERPOOL.

1559	Africana, Hatfield—Robinson & Co.	(c. l. May 6)
1127	Albion, Thompson—Gellatly & Co.	(c. l. May 13)
862	Ambrose, Daniell—Souza Pinto & Co.	(l. c. May 5)
1046	Americana, Potts MacNee & Co.	(c. l. May 14)
839	Anfuenagh, Prophet—Finlay, Clark & Co.	(c. l. June 5)
1042	Bavelaw, Hughes—Souza Pinto & Co.	(c. l. April 29)
1180	Belle Isle, Babot—Stoehr, Prisgar & Co.	
1246	British India—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 13)
1459	Broughton Hall, W. Tate—Leslie & Co.	(c. l. April 23)
1332	Bulwark, Binmantyne—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. April 30)
1065	Castalian, Welburn—Coupland & Co.	(c. l. April 24)
1081	Clifton Belle, B. Bastin—Coupland & Co.	(c. l. May 19)
1123	Crescent, English—F. Chambers.	(c. l. April 23)
848	Dalhousie, Waugh—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 21)
696	Douglas Castle—Ewart Latham & Co.	(c. l. May 12)
1519	Empire of Peace, J. Brown—Mackenzie & Co.	(c. l. May 22)
811	Englishman, Gwynne—C. Bates & Co.	(c. l. May 6)
1121	Excellent, English—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. May 5)
1326	Fairlie, Fairlie—Fairlie, Clarke & Co.	(c. l. May 5)
1174	Forganhall, Guthrie—Cornforth & Co.	(c. l. May 12)
1349	Glen Maiden, Marshall—Souza, Pinto & Co.	(c. l. May 28)
1117	Henry Moore—W. & A. Graham & Co.	(c. l. April 27)
1596	John Lynn, Browning—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. May 16)
1763	John Stuart—W. & A. Graham & Co.	(c. l. May 16)
683	Lewchew, Sinclair—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. June 1)
519	Margaret Blair, Ball—Dirom, Hunter & Co.	(c. l. June 9)
956	Matheson, T. Mesnard—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. May 27)
237	Morning Light, J. Gillies—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. June 1)
1114	Nagasaki, Wood—B. H. Cama & Co.	(c. l. June 6)
1001	Norah Greame, Bake—E. Bates & Co.	(c. l. June 8)
1342	Peter Maxwell, Marshall—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. Apr 22.)
493	Pharamond, W. H. Searl—Dr. Burjorjee.	(c. l. May 6)
455	Pioneer (s). R. Taunton—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	
973	Rajah of Cochin.—R. Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 16)
1033	Sam Mendel, Ellwood—Coupland & Co.	(c. l. April 27)
847	Sea Queen, Lloyd—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. June 1)
777	Shard, Curwen—Finlay, Clark & Co.	(c. l. June 6)
1160	Sir Charles Napier, Bell—E. Bates & Co.	(c. l. May 9)
1075	South, Wilson—Robinson & Co.	(c. l. May 5)
1228	Southern Belle, R. Bryce—J. N. Wadia.	(c. l. May 8)
1632	Star of Brunswick, Robinson—K., Nixon & Co.	(c. l. May 27)
1122	Thetis, Chapman—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	(c. l. June 5)
1132	Tim Whiffler, Cotter—Macnee & Co.	(c. l. May 5)
1190	Venus, Paterlow—Coupland & Co.	
1511	Wasp, Storey—Coupland & Co.	(c. l. Feb. 17)
1155	Zuleika, Riddell—Leckie & Co.	(c. l. June 4)

FOR HAVRE.

401	Leocadio and Anna—Jules Siegfried & Co.	(c. l. June 6)
366	Mina, Nordstran.	(c. l. May 28)

FOR SINGAPORE AND SIAM.

827	Prince of Wales, Nacoda—H. J. Abdin.	

FOR THOMAS FOR ORDERS.

702	Gem of the Ocean—Stearns Hobart & Co.	(c. l. May 11)

FOR FERNAMBUCO FOR ORDERS.

743	Edith Byrne, Whitway—J. S. Moore & Co.	(c. l. May 20)

FOR CALCUTTA.

559	Bussorah Merchant—Cornforth & Co.	(c. l. May 21)
1244	Camperdown, Houston—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	
933	St. Bernard, Browne—Kuttonjee Eduljee.	(c. l. June 10)
1265	Zuleika (Am.), J. Wallace—Sheikh Brahmbail & Co.	(c. l. June 5)

FOR KURRACHEE.

565	Anna Henderson, C. Reiffe.	
531	Dovercourt, Hesjho—Finlay, Scott & Co.	
694	Mayaram Dayaram, T. Brady—H. A. L. Cadoo.	(c. l. June 2)

FOR FALMOUTH FOR ORDERS.

366	Alexandrea, Petterson—Volkart Brothers.	(c. l. May 20)

FOR NEW YORK.

792	Anne Armstrong, Oliver.	(c. l. May 23)

FOR HONGKONG.

498	Ellen Masters, H. Pearce R. Heerachund	(c. l. May 27)

FOR COCHIN.

84	Ammatool Currim, Nacoda—H. A. L. Cadoo.	(c. l. May 28)
394	Kurrachee (s), A. Cottier—B. I. S. N. Co.	(c. l. June 12)

FOR RANGOON.

648	China, Minto—Wallace & Co.	

FOR PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

391	Nerbudda, Nacoda—C. Virzdass.	(c. l. June 4)

FOR MOCHAR.

430	Elizabeth, Annestredt—Finlay, Scott & Co.	

MOULMAIN.

550	Impulse, Gilchrist—W. Nicol & Co.	

FOR AMHERST FOR ORDERS.

1023	Agenoria, Johnson—Gellatly, Clark & Co.	

FOR ADEN AND SUEZ.

1200	Sal

Mr. Scoble said if his learned friend had intended to oppose the granting of the interim order to the insolvent, he should have done so upon affadavit; and that not having been done, he might only make an application to amend the Schedule. The insolvent had not been arrested in any suit. He was only a common labourer. The debt for which he was now opposed was one for which no consideration had been received by insolvent. The insolvent was taken into partnership with his brother, Wagjee Dhoongersee, who owed the firm he was entering the sum of Rs. 1600. The brother died, and insolvent had to pass notes for this amount to the first and second creditors; but immediately these notes were passed, the partnership was dissolved, and these payments were a loss. He did not defend the action; there was no vexatious defence, and no misconduct could be shown in the insolvency. The desire to deprive him of the means of support by putting him in jail showed that the opposition was attributable to spleen. Hindoos often spent large sums in marriage ceremonies; it was foolish, but could not be called criminal. There was no affidavit to rebut the insolvent's statements, and those who advanced the Rs. 1,000 for the marriage alluded to by his learned friend, were not the opposing creditors.

Mr. Cooper said the insolvent had pleaded to the action of the opposing creditor.

His Lordship.—Insolvent says an exparte judgment was given against him.

Mr. Scoble said that he doubted the correctness of the statement that the action was pleaded to.

Mr. Cooper said the objection as to filing an affidavit was not mooted on the last Court day.

His Lordship said that the opposition from 'creditor No. 1, (added to the fact of the insolvent not being in custody even) did not show sufficient grounds for refusing to grant the interim order.

In re Hormusjee Pestonjee and Sorabjee Pestonjee.

The Advocate General, with Dr. Reid, instructed by Cumrodeen Tyabjee, supported the insolvents.

Mr. Scoble, with Mr. Green, instructed by Messrs. Bickerstseth and Cleveland, for the Official Assignee.

Mr. Scoble said he appeared to show cause in this case wherefore under the 87th section of the Act, the Official Assignee had refused to deliver up to the insolvents the judgment debts of one Kursondass Jeyram, and why satisfaction should not be entered on that judgment. The insolvents wished the debt, in respect of which it was ordered that judgment should be entered up against them, in the Official Assignee's name, should be vested in them and that they should receive a direct discharge thereof. The insolvents were still undischarged, and whose estate was in the hands of the Official Assignee. The learned counsel contended that the insolvents had entered into negociations] and arrangements without taking the Official Assignee into consideration, and behind his back, and purchased up the debts of Kursondass Jeyram, of his trustees by deed of conveyance of debt and a release. The debts in respect to which the judgment was entered had not been satisfied, and an improper use had been made of the machinery of this Court, whereby the insolvents would profit. They had no right to keep the Official Assignee in the dark in this matter. The insolvents had also omitted to place in their schedule a debt of Rs. 4,000 due by a Mr. Morgan. (since insolvent) besides certain monies due by Dadabhoy Rustomjee, and the insolvents had received dividends from the estates of these parties which ought to have been paid to the Official Assignee for the benefit of the creditors. The release of the trustees of Kursondass Jeyram discharges the insolvents on the payment of a small sum, in liquidation of a claim of Rs. 23,000 which was to the prejudice of the other creditors, who have been thereby defrauded. On behalf of seventeen other creditors, the Official Assignee asks the Court to refuse their sanction to this arrangement.

Mr. Green having spoken in support of the same side,

The Advocate General addressed the Court at some length. The release entered into with Kursondass Jeyram, he thought, was perfectly justifiable, and that the Official Assignee was attempting to evade a just demand. The insolvents asked relief under the 27th Section of the Act, as the debt was discharged in a perfectly legal manner. The learned counsel therefore asked the Court to enter up the judgment in their favor. There was no prejudice done to the creditors by the insolvents. One of the insolvents occupied exactly the same position as Kursondass.

Dr. Reid followed at considerable length on the same side, contending that no fraud was committed by the insolvents, and that only a technical objection had been made against his clients.

Mr. Scoble rose to reply, but the learned counsel for the insolvent objected to his being heard in reply to an application of such a nature, which was confirmed by His Lordship.

His Lordship, in delivering judgment, said that the present was an application under Section 87 of the Act. The insolvents are liable on judgment to Kursondass Jeyram, who petitioned this Court, and were declared entitled to the benefit of the Act, on the 21st April, and judgment entered up against them in the name of the Official Assignee. On the 22nd Kursondass executed a trust deed for the benefit of his creditors, who came under it. The effect was to transfer to the Trustees the debt due to him by petitioners, and the right to call on the Official Assignee, to put in force, the judgment entered in his name. On the 10th September 1859, the Trustees had apparently settled the claims of the creditors, parties to the deed agreed, with the sons of Kursondass, in consideration of Rs. 500, to assign to the sons the outstanding debts due to insolvents. On the 20th April 1860, Kursondass' sons, in consequence of two sums of Rs. 1,800 each, assigned to Sorabjee the debt due from the father and released to the Petitioners their own debt in respect of which the judgment had been obtained. If the matter rested there, the debt would have been discharged and satisfied. But Kursondass some time after executed a trust deed, took the benefit of the Act, and it was ordered that judgment be entered up in the name of the Official Assignee. No doubt that judgment ensue to the benefit of creditors, not parties to the deed, and to subsequent creditors. It appeared the Trustees before conveyance to the sons had notice of the insolvency, and a demand had been made on them by the Official Assignee. Supposing the Trustees wrong in the assigning to the sons in the way they did, that does not prevent the release by the sons, from having operation. It might be that there was a breach of trust, but that does not prevent the party who had regularly become entitled from releasing. I think, and His Lordship thought on the whole, the notice which the trustees had of the right of the Official Assignee, coupled with the fact that no subsequent step was taken to complain of the conduct of the Trustees by either the Official Assignee or the Creditors. The *rule Nisi* therefore must be made absolute.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.

Monday, 15th June 1863.

(BEFORE J. F. HORE, ESQ.)

Nagir Jeychund vs. *Saherchund Javer.*

Mr. Bartoh for defendant.

Mr. Khunderow for plaintiff.

The plaintiff and defendant were partners in trade, and the former sought to recover from the latter Rs. 230, being his share of the profits realised by the sale of three bales of twist. The defence was, that though the partnership was dissolved, defendant had received nothing on plaintiff's account. From the plaintiff's testimony, it appeared that he had ceased his connection with the firm, but that the balance of accounts had not yet been ascertained, and that there were still some small debts and payments due to the firm. His Honor hereupon informed the plaintiff that in this Court one partner cannot sue another partner unless for the balance of accounts when the partnership has ceased, and it was not necessary that it should be an adjusted account. As there was no balance of accounts ascertained in this case, plaintiff must be non-suited, and the learned judge certified for Mr. Khunderow's costs.

Backerdass Manchund vs. *Goculdass Tejcaran.*

This was an action brought to recover the balance of money lent to the defendant. Mr. Shivshunker, on behalf of the defendant, objected to the Court's jurisdiction to entertain the action, on the ground that the defendant was a resident of Sattara, and that the cause of action had arisen at that place. Plaintiff, however, was unable to prove that defendant was within jurisdiction when the action was brought against him, that he was living and trading in Bombay when the cause of action arose, or that he was residing in Bombay within six months before the action was brought. His Honor therefore ordered the case to be struck out.

Dewcarn Gungaram vs. *Toolsa Walljee.*

Mr. Nusserwanjee for plaintiff.

Mr. Barton for defendant.

The plaintiff sought to recover Rs. 273, being the price of six candies of wool sold to the defendant. The defendant repudiated the contract, and denied all knowledge of the transaction. Plaintiff swore to having personally delivered the wool to defendant, and produced a memo. of agreement signed by one Purdhan Malljee, the alleged partner of the defendant. His Honor expressed an opinion that the contract was binding upon Purdhan, who was not mentioned in the summons as a party to the suit, and that the alleged fact of defendant having taken delivery of the wool did not make him the purchaser. Defendant was then put into the witness-box by plaintiff's advocate, but he denied the whole of the transaction. Hereupon Mr. Nesserwanjee elected a non-suit, and the learned Judge certified for Mr. Barton's costs.

COCHIN.

The Steamer *Maharaj*, expected here on the 4th instant, has not yet made her appearance. Up to the hour of going to press, no tidings of the vessel have been received; and if the date originally fixed for her despatch from Bombay was not altered, we may look for her arrival in the course of a few hours.

As the draught of the *Maharaj* does not exceed 7 or 8 feet, it is hoped she will be able to enter the harbour in perfect safety; but even should it be otherwise, Narrakal affords a most convenient anchorage; and we learn that arrangements have been made by the authorities there, to afford every facility for the landing of goods and passengers.—*Chronicle, June* 6.

The sea on the bar cut off all communication with the shore for several days; but shipping operations are in active progress at the port of Narrakal, where the *Charlotte Jane* is completing her cargo for London. We hope that the vessel is timely enough to lend it the same port during the monsoon. Now that the capabilities of Narrakal have been practically tested we have no doubt that they will be largely taken advantage of in future years, when the harbour of Cochin is rendered inaccessible by the violence of the monsoon. The liberal policy adopted by the Cochin Rajah's Government, of exempting from all dues, goods forwarded from British Cochin for shipment from Narrakal, must tend considerably to increase the trade of the port and speedily raise it to commercial importance.—*Id.*

SIND.

A Liberal Concession.—The Commissioner's Establishment, we hear, has been allowed by the Government of India, to draw a double rate of Batta for a period of six months, which is equivalent to a single rate for the whole year, in consideration of the very heavy expense incidental to travelling in Sind. This indulgence will serve in some measure to mitigate the hardships attending a tour in the Districts. We have heard Mr. Max Melville referred to in the highest terms for the disinterestedness with which he espoused the claims of the Members of the Commissioner's establishment. We are glad to have the opportunity of observing here that this promising young officer has preferred to remain in Sind, having declined a higher appointment offered to him at the Presidency. —*Sindian, June* 6.

The Locusts again in Sind.—Captain Tyrwhitt, Political Superintendent Thurr and Parkur, reports that the locusts have made their appearance in the Narra Districts since the 1st instant. It appears they have partially destroyed the *adawab* cultivation of the Mukkans of Kundiaree and Surul.—*Id., June* 10.

OUDH.

The Maharaja of Gwalior was escorted into the station on Saturday morning by Colonel Barrow, C.B., the Commissioner, Major Aitken, V. C. Inspector General of Police, and some other city authorities, under a salute of nineteen guns. On Monday he was visited by Mr. Wingfield, C.B., the Chief Commissioner, and on Tuesday morning by General MacDuff, C.B., and Sir George Couper, Bart. Shortly afterwards His Highness paid a return visits to the Chief Commissioner and Colonel Barrow. This morning a grand review of the troops was held in his honor, and this evening he holds a reception at the Chutter Munzil, and entertains the company at supper, to be followed by a grand display of fireworks. As at present understood, he leaves Lucknow on Friday morning for Cawnpore, and thence proceeds by rail to Agra, *en route* to Gwalior.—*Gazette, June* 10.

ITALIAN OPINION ON THE RECENT DEBATE ON ITALY IN THE ENGLISH PARLIAMENT.

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Turin, *May* 15.

The debate on Italian affairs which took place in the House of Commons on Friday last, and to which I have already alluded in a former letter, has created the liveliest sensation throughout this country. The speeches of friends and foes of the Italian cause fill the columns of every newspaper, and the comments we hear on them are, in my opinion, just and at all events temperate.

"The population of Southern Italy is described by certain orators in Westminster as held under restraint by a tyrannical Government. How is it, then, that this Government continues to send muskets for the use of the Neapolitans and Sicilians? All the previous Ministers strove to arm the Southern people. The present Cabinet, which only came in last December, already, as I informed you, has supplied those provinces with 70,000 muskets for the citizen militia. Now, do we see Austria busy arming the population of Lucca or Venitia? Is Russia very anxious that every Pole should have his firelock? When this shall be the case we shall acknowledge the correctness of the gloomy description of our Southern provinces as drawn by some of the members of the English Lower House; but so long as for the repression of evils brought on without our Government appeals to the energy of the citizens we have a right to deny the existence of a tyrannizing Government or of a tyrannized people among us. We have, indeed, our woes and serious woes they are—the results of former misrule, at the same time a source of our adversaries, and even the protection of certain friends of ours; but when we see hon. gentlemen in London compare our present condition, 'such as it may be after only two years of so profound and radical a revolution, with that of a country which for the last 100 years has marched safely on the path of orderly progress, we doubt whether the discussion be any longer a serious one. Would Lord H. Lennox and his friends institute the comparison between our country as it now is and theirs as it was two years after the accession of William of Orange? Then we are ready for the trial; we shall examine the persons, the administration of justice, the freedom of the person and of the press, religious liberty, industrial and commercial progress. Let the parallel be drawn on these terms and we shall see who is the loser by it."

Such are the words of to-day's *Opinione*: and I hope that English readers will allow the Italians the benefit of them. No doubt, the comparison would not be altogether just, because the world has gone on with great strides during the whole interval between William of Orange and Victor Emmanuel, and even the most crushed and benighted communities have obeyed the influence of an all-preaching civilization. But, unquestionably, the condition of Naples is an exceptional one, and it is a cruel injustice to apply to it the rules of normal government. To the north of the Liri and the Tronto, however—*i. e.*, throughout two-thirds of the Peninsula—Italy may justly be called a state of order as England, and without contradiction as great a freedom as any other continental community.

Lord H. Lennox, for instance, complains that the liberty of the press in Italy is a mere mockery, and, to prove it, he ventures on the following assertion:—

"The *Perseverance* of Milan, one of the first journals in Italy, a Milan aristocracy, was seized on the 27th of last month, and what did the House suppose it was for? Surely, the new Lord of the Admiralty, the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Stansfeld) would feel a throe of sympathy (cheers and laughter) when he learnt that the *Perseverance* met with an untimely fate because it republished in one of its columns extracts from documents written and signed by the present Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Italian Government. (Hear, hear.) On this ground, one of the most respectable newspapers in Italy was seized and not allowed to circulate on that day."

Now, would any man believe, after this, that the *Perseverance*, in its yesterday's number, should come out with a flat denial that its numbers were seized either on the particular day mentioned by the noble lord, or on any other day since its first appearance in 1860? Yet the *Perseverance* actually asserted this fact yesterday, and your correspondent has reason to credit with your readers for veracity, I may freely add my testimony that the alleged seizure never took place.

After breaking down in so essential a part of his evidence let us hope that Lord H. Lennox's charges against the Italian Government will be received with reserve. I have lived many years in England and America, and I must candidly express my opinion that the press never was more practically free in those countries than it now is in this country. The number of papers seized, almost daily, is considerable indeed, but this should scarcely be astonishing if we reflect that the number of Italian daily papers is Legion (more than a score in Turin and three times that number in Naples), that many of these half-penny periodicals struggle into existence and challenge notoriety by the uttermost abuse of things and persons, by the most outrageous intemperance of language, often compelling the unwilling authorities to apply the law, that their natural death should at least be hallowed by the crown of martyrdom. The law on the press is liberal enough, though it is true that every editor is bound to enter a copy of his paper at the police-office, at the same time that he sends it forth broadcast among the multitude, and although it is true that when the police become aware of any breach of the law, they are empowered to seize on the offending journal, provided, however, that they at the same time prosecute the offender and are ready to prove the offence before a court of law, upon the principle of a free and open trial by jury. No doubt, if I am to express my own opinion, the Procureur du Roi shown in his prosecution of libels greater activity than need requires; many of the papers that are seized would come to a much more ignoble end if they were never interfered with. But whenever there is a seizure, a trial invariably takes place, and the aggrieved editor has at least full opportunity to plead his cause before the opinion of his countrymen.

There is no doubt, in the meanwhile, that the most grievous offenders are those with which the *Fisco* or police meddles most rarely. Take, for instance, the *Armonia*. There is hardly anything at Court or in Parliament, in the Government, the army or navy, that is not the cause of the country or in its honour, that may be said to be safe from the attacks of that rabid clerical paper. Neither sex, nor age, nor the very grave is spared. Yet the *Armonia* is hardly ever seized or prosecuted because it is written by extremely clever people, who know how to sail in the very teeth of the wind, steer clear of rocks and breakers, and take care to be always within the letter of the law. Its less wary brethren, the *Eco* of Bologna, the *Contemporanea* of Florence, and other such periodicals at Genoa and Naples, do not care to curb their tongues, and are always in hot water. This is also the case with the *Unita Italiana*, the *Nuova Europa*, and other Mazzinian papers, which not only are not anxious to keep out of a scrape, but court prosecution with the greatest eagerness and set themselves up as victims.

The *Firenze*, *Napoli*, and other separatist organs, which were set up at the instigation and with the gold of a French party interested in bringing about the dissolution of Italian unity, complain, indeed, that they have been so roughly handled as to be nearly strangled at their birth; but it is not easy to sympathize with these foreign meddlers, even were their grievances really well founded. What is sure in the meanwhile is, that such foreign adventures as have made common cause with the brigands have met with comparatively mild treatment. If Count De Christen was tied to the same chain with a common malefactor, it should be borne in mind that the said malefactor was only the Count's accomplice—that the two set out together on a brigand expedition. Had even justice been dealt out to both, no one would have a right to complain; but the fact is that both De Christen and Mr. Bishop are treated as gentlemen at Alessandria, while for their fellow-captives the Bagnio is considered too good. To another of Lord H. Lennox's assertions I must be allowed to object. He stated that he visited the prisons of Naples with a "gentleman, a member of the Turin Parliament, who spoke English fluently, and who gained admission by right of his position as a member of the Turin Parliament." It would be well had the noble lord mentioned his friend by name. The person alluded to never was a member of the Italian Parliament. He was returned to the House of Deputies two years ago, but his election was annulled for reasons best known to himself. Of the character of Lord H. Lennox's companion I have nothing to say, but an annulled election certainly did not entitle him to claim the title of an M.P. nor to a privileged entrance into the prisons on that score.

Sir G. Bowyer, also, who so opportunely quoted the Prefect Falconcini's proclamation at Girgenti of the 1st of October last, and who was so sure "that rigour meant nothing less than that these people would be punishable with death," ought to have added that the functionary alluded to was ignominiously dismissed (*destituito*) by a telegram the moment that precious document reached the Central Government at Turin. The statements by the same gentleman that "the Piedmontese shot 7,000 men in the South of Italy without any trial; that the number of political prisoners in that part of the country is 70,000," are at variance with all I have been able to gather on the subject. Too many persons, it is grievous enough to say it, have been executed by the soldiers, but not without trial, not to one-tenth of the extent mentioned by Sir G. Bowyer; and the political prisoners, most of them brigands—that is, common thieves assuming the grap of political partisans—do not exceed 7,000 or 8,000, a number greatly to be regretted, no doubt, and which scarcely needs exaggeration to make it a very heavy charge against the Italian Government, or rather against the difficult and arduous crisis through which it has to pass.

CHEAP AND PURE READING.

(*From the London Review, May* 16.)

Our new penny is a smaller coin indeed than the old-fashioned penny was, but it buys so much more that in these days the people can be "penny wise" without being "pound foolish." You can take a voyage in a steamboat, eat an ice-cream, purchase a newspaper, send it to your cousin in Australia, get your shoes blacked, and look at the moon through a telescope,—all for six round pennies. While we enjoy all these cheap luxuries we must look a little closer at the cheap periodical press, which pours forth a flood of printed paper, duty free, welcome to a people thirsty for the steam of literary entertainment. The full information and the general tone, vigour, and propriety maintained by the penny daily papers are a credit to England; but our business just now is with the weekly periodicals, which bring not the passing news, but other good wholesome reading, into the homes of the million.

This kind of serial literature is almost a creation of modern times, but our forefathers made a commencement of it. In 1698 the first association for this purpose was created, and it still famous as the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The great Duke of Marlborough's soldiers and brave old Benbow's men-of-war's men had large grants from its early publications. It grew and grew for a century and a-half, till, in 1860, six millions of books and papers were sent forth from its shelves; and now you may get a prayer-book sold for twopence and a Bible for sixpence, well printed and bound, under the auspices of this Society. Half a century later came the Book Society, which now expends about £5,000 a year in its own work. The Scottish Religious Tract Society, instituted in 1793, was the first to use *colporteurs*, of whom more than a hundred are now employed by it. Six years afterwards the Religious Tract Society began. It was designed to contend against the spread of a bad literature. At that time (the year 1799) there were 30,000 hawkers of indecent and polluting papers; and although, in the year of our first Great Exhibition, about thirty million copies of various infidel and immoral publications are believed to have been issued, the increase in the distribution of good papers, chiefly by means of this society has been so great as to raise its annual total to more than forty millions, at an expenditure of £100,000 or that the powers of evil, in this department, were with us to another tune than they were in the days of piety and religion. The British and Foreign Bible Society had its beginning in 1804, and it now distributes annually a million and a half copies or portions of the Scriptures, in 190 languages, into only fifty of which the Bible had ever been translated before for the printing-press. Female *colporteurs*, or Bible women, are a new feature in this work; but in London alone about 200 of these ladies are employed. Besides these agencies, Lord Brougham and Lord John Russell established the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge in 1826, and the *Penny Magazine* had a weekly sale of 200,000 copies. Next came a society for publishing coloured diagrams, maps and pictures with descriptions useful for the lecturer. This is the Working Men's Educational Union, founded in 1852, and now selling about 12,000 of such diagrams yearly; while about forty millions of pamphlets and books have been sent forth, within the last eight years, by the Dublin Tract Depository. Into this great swelling tide of cheap and good popular literature, countless rivers flow from other sources which we cannot here enumerate—educational books from the numerous school agencies, sanitary tracts from Jerrold's, temperance papers from Tweedie's, religious publications from Drummond's, and shoals of thirty millions of Cassell's issues, every year. Like the fruitful waters of a beneficent irrigation over the land, these streams of knowledge are conducted to remote fields, through many different channels, through the bookseller's shop, the village huckster's window, the postman's bag, and the book-hawker's pack, the hawkers being regularly organized by the Church of England Book-hawking Union and the British Colportage Association.

When the foreigners came to London last year, they were overwhelmed, if not confused, by the very multitude of these publications and agencies, which are described in Mr. Henry Roberts's paper on this subject, at the "Congres International de Bienfaisance." We might, without knowing the machinery for their production and distribution, be puzzled by their variety, which seems endless, and their copiousness, which becomes oppressive, when it is desired to select reading that is suitable for any particular class, and, at the same time, interesting, wholesome, and cheap. To facilitate, however, this choice, as well as to promote the distribution of well-selected publications, the *Penny Literature Society* was established in 1855, as an association which, without issuing any periodical of its own, undertakes to examine all such as may appear, and to recommend those which it approves, while it has no pecuniary interest in the success of a favourite paper. About thirty cheap serials were thus specially selected, some of them classified as "for children," and some designated as "more distinctly religious." The Society also lent its powerful support to Lord Campbell's Act for the suppression of indecent publications. Presently inquirers, who were satisfied with the choice of periodicals recommended by this Society, began to ask, with equal earnestness, "What *books* can you point out that are good and suitable for village libraries, for soldiers, sailors, emigrants, servants, young women, schools, and working people generally?" Every kind of reading had to be numbered, in order to answer this question; but patience and experience, and an intelligent observation of what will be read as well as of what *ought* to be read, soon enabled the society to issue a list of about 2,000 volumes, and to add continually to that number, from the fresh growing crops of printed matter that spring from a teeming press. The provincial book-sellers soon found the benefit of such a catalogue; the demand became for supplies to the country libraries had their monthly packages sent through the Post-office, until at last whole libraries were applied for by clubs and schools, for the use of different classes, including the miners below ground and sailors on the sea; while distant colonies, not able to inspect for themselves the bookcase in Buckingham-street, but trusting to the published catalogue, sent their money and selected list for reading to be supplied from "home."

It is curious to remark the relative degrees of popularity of the books thus brought before large numbers of people, and "pushed" with equal force. Mechanics, who club their savings, and invest £5 raised from their fellow-workmen in shillings to get a £10 library, have many anxious debates as to the books they will mark in their selection; and, after about a thousand libraries have been so ordered, it is pretty well seen what is the style of reading which is most demanded for such a circle and from such a list. The periodicals, on the other hand, can be more readily inspected before they are ordered; and some of these have a great advantage in appealing to popular favour by presenting a spirited woodcut on the outside page.

The Society finds an opportunity for gathering evidence as to the reading of the masses, by a systematic visitation of the hundreds of little shops in large towns, such as greengrocers', barbers', tobacconists', and stationers' shops, where a very large retail trade in cheap publications is carried on. After extensive and careful inquiries in these directions, it is gratifying to be assured that the demand for really wholesome literature has enormously increased of late, and that the quality of the matter now supplied is not nearly so bad as it was. The people *will* read something, and hundreds of thousands of them are most willing to read something good; but then it must be carried to them and almost put into their hands; for a very trifling difficulty or delay in obtaining their pennyworth of print will just turn the scale between some worthless tragic love-story and the broad page of the *British Workman*; between the prurient details of a police court and the instructive chapters of the *Leisure Hour*.

Strangely enough, too, it was found that the great societies and the imminent publishers were far behind the lowest caterers for the people, in the attractiveness of their handbills, posters, and advertisements, which constitute by no means a small feature in the success of a weekly publication. This, happily, has been noticed and remedied; and now, in many of the back courts of St. Giles's and far-off lanes of Spitalfields, you will find the best "bills," announcing the best papers, and the eye at once appealed to on behalf of what is good. The people when thus attracted, come and buy. The little child of the costermonger is often now sent out for "Cassell's Illustrated Penny Bible," where, formerly, his usual errand on a Sunday afternoon would be, to buy some vile weekly paper, redolent of indecency, or some organ of political and social disaffection.

Much is yet to be done, in which all of us can help, to improve the supply of these cheap publications. Every child to whom the alphabet is taught, every man whose mind is opened by a lecture, every home that is made more comfortable as a place where the family can sit and read, is another plot tilled for seed; and there is good seed in abundance. But tact and discretion will be needed, as well as much industry in the sowing, from whiet patient hope and earnest faith will not fail to see a rich and gladdening harvest arise.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH FORMS OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

(*From the Times, May* 11.)

The political contrasts between England and France are not more striking or instructive than the contrasts between their forms of criminal procedure. Law Courts existed before Parliaments, and the administration of justice comes home to half-educated minds more nearly than legislation. Hardly one Englishman in a thousand has ever been in the gallery of the House of Commons, and elections do not come round, on an average, more than once in four years; but coroners' inquests, examinations before magistrates, borough sessions, county sessions, and assizes are constantly going on, and possess a never-failing interest for the multitude in town and country. The ideas and impressions thus received at criminal trials occupy a far larger space in the thoughts of this part of the audience than professional spectators can imagine, and a slight change in the method of conducting them, or even a greater or less degree of judicial calmness in the manner of the Judge, is criticised more keenly and intelligently than schemes of finance or electoral reforms. We are a law-loving people, and many a worthy citizen attends the Crown Court as regularly, and worships the majesty of the law as sincerely, though not so pedantically, as Sir Walter Scott's Mr. Saddletree. It is because it is so deeply rooted in the national character, and not only because it affects the personal rights of the accused that the theory which governs the course of public prosecutions is so important. Of this theory the cardinal maxim is that no man shall be bound to criminate himself. It might often tend to throw the greatest light upon a case if the Court were to deviate a little from the strict rule of evidence, and put questions to the prisoner. But the effect of such a proceeding, even if it were sanctioned by law, would certainly tend to shock the English sense of justice, and to invest the Judge, in the eyes of the bystanders, with the odious character of an Inquisitor. It may be said, of course, that this notion of fair play which concedes to the accused a privilege now denied to the defendant in a civil suit is founded on prejudice and false analogy. We freely admit that great advances have been made in the admission of testimony from interested witnesses, and that the new practice has worked well, but it has yet to be shown that it would be applicable to criminal trials. Here we have the advantage of French experience, and, though the English reformers are careful to guard themselves against the consequences of accepting this parallel, we cannot afford to overlook the lessons that may be derived from it. Before we can judge whether some modification of the French system might be adopted with benefit by our own tribunals, we ought to watch the operation of that system as it exists in France.

A woman named Bosquet was lately tried in the Assize Court of the Department of the Cotes-du-Nord for the murder of her husband. It appears that he was found dead in bed with an injury in his neck, and the question was whether he had been strangled by the prisoner or had received a mortal injury in a drunken scuffle a few hours before. The medical evidence was not inconsistent with the latter crime, but especially that of the fall when in a state of intoxication. However this may be, the course which the proceedings took was such as to make it wonderful that any one, however innocent, should escape conviction. The indictment itself not only charged the crime, but specified the motive, and indicated circumstances which made the hypothesis of guilt less improbable. Bosquet was of weak intellect; the act of marrying him, therefore, looked suspicious. He was richer than his wife; could anything, then, be more likely than that he married him for the sake of his money? He had made a donation to her of all his personal property a short time after the marriage, which was five years ago; so that she had every temptation to murder him lest he should revoke it. The evidence was duly set out in the indictment, and no pains were spared by the Judge to support it by the prisoner's own confession. She was cross-questioned as to her feelings towards Bosquet, and protested that she married him from friendship, if not from love. This statement, having an air of credibility about it, was registered against her. She was asked whether she had not had a *liaison* with a cousin, and on her denying it was warned that, if proved, it would show the former assertion to have been a lie. She was then asked the direct question, that her husband had complained of being hurt in the neck, whereupon she was reminded that she had not mentioned that fact before, and that if it should turn out to be false she was "a lost woman." There was a story about her consulting a fortune-teller, who promised her happiness with her cousin, and she was informed that if this story should be substantiated it would tend to show that she endeavoured to realize the fortune-teller's promises and to aid destiny. Upon one of the witnesses deposing that some bits of indigo and lucifer-matches had been found in Bosquet's soup, the prisoner caught at the suggestion, and, turning to the prisoner, called upon her to clear herself from the new imputation of poisoning. Other witnesses for the prosecution were protected from unfavourable comment by the ægis of the Judge, who put their facts before the jury in effect successfully on those for the defence. In spite, or perhaps in consequence of this pressure, however, the prisoner was acquitted; a result which only shows that the inquisitorial plan of trying prisoners clashes with the principle of trial by jury, and, while it defeats every other object of criminal justice, does not always secure its own.

That object was defined clearly enough by the presiding Judge in this very case:—"In a matter so grave I seek for the truth, and I examine you in order to know the truth." Such is the supreme end, and only justification, of this oppressive system which confounds the functions of Judge and prosecutor. It rests upon the axiom that the discovery of truth, and not the administration of justice, is the ultimate purpose of a criminal trial. Upon this axiom we do not hesitate to take issue. It may be true, in certain senses, that the discovery of truth is the object of a coroner's inquest, though it by no means follows that nothing which may facilitate that discovery can be improper; but it cannot be said in any true sense that this is the highest object of the tribunal which has the life of man in their hands. Their highest duty is to investigate the evidence adduced against him with reference to its bearing on his guilt or innocence, and it may well happen that a method of inquiry which in the majority of cases will conduce to truth for truth would no outrage equity as to be wholly inadmissible. This distinction goes to the root of the matter. It will never do to admit that truth in the abstract, and not the doing right between man and man, or between an individual and the public, is the aim of our criminal justice. Not that it is at all clear that compelling prisoners to be examined upon oath would tend, upon the whole, to elicit truth. A prisoner is either conscious of innocence or conscious of guilt. If conscious of innocence, he has already the power of telling his own story, and of supplying those links in the evidence which would explain the appearances against him. It is very doubtful whether the process of examination and cross-examination would do more than this, while the latter would be very likely to confound a poor ignorant man trembling for his life or liberty, though his conscience might be perfectly clear. When we are told that the innocent would always welcome the chance of having their own statements sifted, it is persons gifted with presence of mind and power of expression that are contemplated. But in this supposition, however, that the prisoner is conscious of guilt. He may then, no doubt, be convicted in this way out of his own mouth; but he may also succeed, if he be clever and collected, in baffling his interrogator and escaping when he would otherwise have been found guilty. These objections apply, though with somewhat less force, to the proposal to render the accused competent, though not compellable, to testify on his own trial. Moreover, the refusal to do so would too often, though most unjustly, be treated as equivalent to a confession. The truth is, that until we can invent some means of making the facts relate themselves, without the aid of witnesses, lawyers, or judges, we must take our stand firmly on one of two theories. Either we must assume guilt till innocence be proved, in which case the French procedure is probably the best; or we must assume innocence till guilt be proved, in which case we shall find it difficult to improve, upon our own.

CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE.

(*From the London Review, May* 16.)

The Exhibition of 1851 presented only a second-hand exhibition of Chinese articles, and nothing that we remember from Japan. The Chinese collection selected from the stock of a London trader was by no means a remarkable sample of "Celestial" art, and was guarded by such a mandarin as could be converted out of one of the misers formerly mentioned in that period in the Thames. In 1862 the Chinese court was little better, the trophies the hand of war had sacked from the Imperial palace of Pekin ranking rather as curiosities than as productions of the country from which they were brought. Divided by the short space of six feet from this court of teapots, josses, lanthorns, and ivory balls, was an immeasurably superior collection from a region in the far East, ranked against us for three centuries, and only known to Europeans through the works of the early navigators and the casual intercourse of the Russians and Dutch—Japan. The collection—the finest ever seen in Europe—was located on the right of the main avenue, near the entrance to the Horticultural Gardens, and, beautifully arranged by Sir Rutherford Alcock—whose admirable volume, "The Capital of the Tycoon," makes us wish that British envoys in other parts of the world would give us works of corresponding value—was a constant source of attraction for the visitors to the Exhibition, and amongst whom it will be remembered were the real "two-sworded" ambassadors from the mysterious island itself.

Every passing topic of interest finds an orator, sooner or later, to expound and discuss it in Albemarle-street, and Japanese art has found its exponent in Mr. Leighton, at the Royal Institution.

By contrasting the arts of China and Japan, the lecturer displayed the marked difference of labour—the Japanese aiming to produce the greatest possible effect with the least amount of trouble, whilst the Chinese make pains a principle virtue. The Cabinet Royal des Curiosites at the Hague, and the Musée Siebold at Leyden, are the chief collections of Japanese works in Europe, but the numerous objects accumulated in the late Exhibition so far exceed those collections as to present much novelty, and, especially to us, interest and importance. In their thoughts the Japanese seem far more free than their neighbours, the Chinese; while their arts and manufactures clearly testify to their readiness to learn. European influence is perceptible in their fire-arms and ships; from European intercourse, slight as it may seem, they have obtained the knowledge of linear perspective, and from future increased knowledge of European arts and sciences they will undoubtedly quickly profit largely. Horses, represented now in their pictures as shamoling in shoes of straw, will doubtless shortly gallop in iron, for Japanese chargers have already been tipped with that metal, in imitation of some steeds that have been transported across the ocean. As architects, the Japanese have many difficulties to contend with; they build as their fathers built, not from conservative feeling alone, like the Chinese, but because the elements are against them. Monthly "Exhibitions" (26) and "Camellias" (116), from the same a wooden structure becomes necessary—their ordinary buildings hardly exceeding in dignity the humblest châlet in Switzerland; the gable final and ridge-tiles being the principal features, while the erection itself rarely goes above two storeys. The temples and gateways Mr. Leighton described as being also of timber, but having many details purely Indian. It was, he remarked, very curious to find many types from the ancient Egyptian, Assyrian, and Greek perpetuated in the works of this people. In their ecclesiastical architecture and sculpture the Japanese seek the aid of symmetry to give dignity; but in ornamenting their secular objects they studiously avoid exact repetition and the counterpart of lines, or if they find any regularity they do all they can, by means of decoration, to destroy an exact division or repetition of any portion. Amongst other nations, except the Chinese, division, or repetition of parts has been and is considered the acme of architectural and ornamental, though not so generally of pictorial art. The value of conventional forms to break up surfaces and lead the eye to measure distances, is not appreciated by them as it is by us.

Their arts depend rather on the picturesque than the pictorial; they produce a picture, because of the principal element—light and shade—they are all but completely ignorant. In art applied to manufactures, they are remarkable for their versatility of thought, rarely even copying without introducing some modifications. Small round ornaments are very popular, possibly from their resemblance to the crests and badges of their Daimios, which are defended by law; and it is curious that all, or nearly all, those badges are derived from floral ornaments.

As engravers on wood and metal, the Cliinese are known to have been skilled long before the spread of civilization in Europe; but in colour-printing Mr. Leighton claimed the priority for Japan, exhibiting hand-proofs worked in flat tints without a press; secondaries and tertiaries being in some instances produced by working colour upon colour, as in our chromo-lithographs. Other specimens exhibited graduated or rainbow printing, and others again some method or process by which prints could be reduced. If their printing excite wonder, what is to be said of their paper, which plays such a prominent part in Japanese life, keeping out wind and weather from man and mansion, windows and clothes being alike made of it, and serving a hundred purposes? It bears no resemblance to our rag paper, and although we import materials for paper-manufacture from Japan, we do not get such as a native would use; the bark of the paper-mulberry being much tougher than refuse rags, he wisely retains the former, and sends us the latter.

Last week Professor Voelcker, of the Agricultural college, lectured on the Soils of England. He chiefly criticised Liebig's views recently expressed in his work on the application of chemistry to husbandry, and opposed to some of the conclusions the results of experiments undertaken by himself prior to the publication of Liebig's book. Ho also advocated the idea that soils were only amenable to manuring to a certain extent, and good soils and bad soils remained essentially such, whatever agricultural treatment they might receive.

The suggestion for an improved mode of collecting the most valuable portions of sewage, with a view to its application to the benefit of agriculture and the relief of local taxation, submitted to the Society of Arts on Wednesday by Dr. Thudicum, was a practical one on a most important subject. The general subject of sewage requires removal and its utilization, although of the utmost interest, and of national importance in respect to the public health, as well as in a pecuniary point of view, and equally in respect to the food supply of a people, is one which could scarcely be discussed in our columns with the broadness of detail in which it was rightly considered in Dr. Thudicum's paper. The instinct of animals seems, however, a better guide to a right course than the false delicacy of man. There is a refuse matter to be got rid of from the presence of every community, and the removal of the impurities of towns to the river is a crime which falls back upon the perpetrators in the pollution of the water that man requires for his food, his ablutions, and for domestic use, and in the diseases which are floated off to his home by its gaseous emanations. The qualities

with the taste of Northern freedom. No one will give them work; all they do is to bask in the sun or loiter along the streets, their clothes in tatters, their persons more ragged than any corn-field negro in Virginia. Their forlorn and destitute condition is in striking contrast with their blithe and happy faces when here in their comfortable cabins, and their sorrow-stricken countenances strike pity to the stoutest heart, not warped by the prejudice and madness of abolition."

And it is into such a *galere* as this that England pants to see, not 100,000, but 4,000,000 helpless, dependent beings forced to enter. If to the above description I were to add the narratives which have reached me of scenes at Craney Island and Cairo—far too revolting to be printed anywhere, unless as a supplement to Dante's *Inferno*—some conception of the emancipated negro, as found at present in the Northern States, might be conveyed to England. But if it is imagined in England that the loudest of Exeter-hall utterances,—that the universal diatribes of Europe against African slavery, will induce six million intelligent, and, upon the whole, humane Caucasians to turn four million canaries out of their cages, and set them adrift in such woods as Washington and Craney Island, then it is high time that England should be undeceived. What has England recently done to abate this sum of all villanies—negro slavery? The answer is Lord Macaulay's, "She has brazed." What has she done to encourage it? For years and years she has imported not less than 50,000,000*l.* worth of slave-grown raw material. How will our record read when it is set down that, having introduced upon this continent the African slave, and having largely profited by him, we registered undying hatred against slavery when this continent had passed from our possession, but illustrated that hatred by subsidizing the slave owner at the rate of 50,000,000*l.* a year?

It is a solemn thing to cry aloud for Abolition and spare not; for, disguise it as you may, the abolition of slavery means the extermination of the black race on the continent of North America. I pass from the contemplation of such a possibility as the deportation of the blacks to Africa, or elsewhere, by reason of its manifest impossibility. Between 1820 and 1856 the American Colonization Society sent to Liberia 9,502 persons: in the same period the *increase* in the slave population of the old Union was 1,999,527 souls. In the words of Professor Cairnes, "The deportation of slaves would require a new Moses and new miracles." To emancipate the negroes without deportation has always, to the most fanatical Abolitionist, appeared such extravagance of cruelty that never, until it pleased President Lincoln to put forth his recent proclamation as a war necessity, was such an atrocity contemplated. The results of such a proclamation, could effect be universally given to it, may be studied at Cairo and Craney Island. That such results should enlist the sympathies of England, that they should be demanded in tempestuous accents by great concourses of people, proves little else than that the English people, justly detesting the abstraction of slavery, know nothing of the disposition, temperament, or circumstances of the African slaves seen on the continent of North America. For years, and decades of years, a solution of the difficulties of this mighty question has been sought by the whole civilized world. Has any appoximation to a solution been hitherto found? Will any solution arise from the stormy addresses of Exeter-hall orators? It is worse than childishness to strive to beat down by clamour what we are unable to abate by reason, judgment or philosophy.

Ought England, in her detestation of slavery, to desire the restoration of the Union or not? Ought she to side with President Lincoln or President Davis? Do those who so vituperate and clamour against Mr. Davis heartily desire that slavery should be abolished? or is it their wish, because Boston and New York have flattered their literary vanity, that the Union should arise from its ashes to please Boston and New York? It seems to me that the answer to the former of these questions is very clear; to the latter I leave Mr. Hughes to reply. If by any conceivable possibility the resurrection of the Union could be compassed, does any one doubt that every imaginable prop and security which the most fanatical slave-driver of the South could describe in language would be eagerly and enthusiastically conceded with a view to making slavery impregnable against all possible future attacks? There is, then, no hope for Emancipationists in the restoration of the Union. Is there better hope from the establishment of a Republic believing in and based upon slavery? Such is my honest conviction and belief. In no portion of the eight slaveholding States through which I have hitherto passed has it ever been denied that there are grievous spots and blemishes in the existing system of slavery. Everywhere have these spots and blemishes been excused as the outgrowth of the defensive attitude which New England has forced the South to assume. Leave these States face to face with their own peculiar institution; aid them to modify and abate it where modification and abatement are possible: let there be no more taunts and jeers; let it be ascertained whether the alleged practice of breeding slaves in Virginia and elsewhere and selling them for consumption in the South be true or false, and if true let it be frowned down by the moral sense of the world; let the hand extended to help them in wrestling with slavery be the hand neither of Puritan nor Pharisee, but of an equal and a brother, and trust the rest to Providence.

In my recent letter of the 17th, when describing the lamented death of Major Pelham, I stated that General Stuart, at the head of 2,000 of his cavalry, had attacked and driven back a body of 3,000 Federal horsemen. It appears that the true narrative of the incidents of the 17th is something like the following:—Full and accurate information of the intended raid of the Federal cavalry had reached General Fitzhugh Lee, but in the deep and miry slime of the roads he gave little heed to the truth of the report. It happened that General Stuart was at Culpepper Court-house, attending a court-martial. With him went also Major Pelham, neither of them expecting any collision with the enemy. Upon the morning of the 17th it was reported that a large body of Federal cavalry, variously estimated at from 6,000 to 8,000 men, were rapidly advancing from Kelly's Ford. To oppose them there was nothing but the brigade of General Fitzhugh Lee, numbering at present about 800 man, but likely to be much stronger hereafter. Two of the Federal regiments were dismounted and thrown out as sharpshooters, and against these dismounted men the Confederates thrice gallantly attempted to charge, but were unable to get at them by reason of the inaccessibility of their position. Just as the third charge was imminent, Major Pelham, who had borrowed a horse and was on the field as a volunteer aide, rode to the forward, and, having been forbidden by General Stuart to join (as he eagerly desired) in the charge, cheered the 3d Virginia Regiment forward with voice and hand. "There they are boys, there! Give it 'em! forward! forward!" These were his last words. He never spoke again. A shell, discharged at the regiment, burst above him, and mitigated one of the purest and bravest spirits which have yet been yielded up in this desolating war. The charge was delivered without effect, but immediately afterwards, to the astonishment of their opponents, the Federals began to retreat. It is believed that intelligence of the movement of a large body of infantry, designed by General R. E. Lee to cut off the Federals from the Rappahannock, had suddenly reached them. Be this as it may, nothing could exceed the precipitate disorder of their retreat. Various designs, such as a descent upon Gordonsville, or Charlottesville, or some point of the Virginia Central Railroad, have been imputed to them. As it is, but for the accidental and irreparable loss which the Confederates have sustained in Major Pelham, there would have been little occasion to waste ten words upon so feeble and abortive an attempt to lift the curtain of the bloody drama of 1863.

Two days later the advance, which was sufficiently difficult upon the 17th inst., would have been totally impracticable. Early on the morning of the 18th snow began steadily to descend, and before night the heaviest layer of snow which I have yet seen in the South had carpeted the ground. Since then we have had warm weather and rain, and the consequent condition of the Virginian roads may be easily conceived. Operations on a large scale for either General Lee or General Hooker are simply impossible for at least three weeks, or, more probably, for a month to come. What are the indications of the movements intended when locomotion of large bodies of men in Virginia is possible? Of course, the answer can only be guesswork. I do not believe that General Hooker has much more, if any more, than 100,000 men. Of General Lee's strength it is not necessary that I should say more than that he and his army are, in my opinion, very formidable. A great deal is said about Hooker's intentions of advancing by Kelly's Ford, Port Royal, to cover the ground which General Burnside's army soaked with rain out of their blood little more than three months ago. My own opinion inclines to the belief that, if, by constantly threatening to advance, Hooker could hold in check and neutralize for some months General Lee and his fine army, the authorities at Washington would be abundantly satisfied.

Passing from General Hooker's army to General Johnston's, we have cheering reports of the health, vigour, and confidence of the army of the latter. But just as our hopes of a battle on that line (which I have before described as stretching from Shelbyville to Manchester, along what are called the Normandy Hills) were becoming confident expectation is baffled by the retreat of General Rosecrans and his army. What may be the explanation of this move—whether it is merely a feint to draw General Johnston away from his strong line; whether it indicates unexpected and unhoped for demoralisation of the Yankee troops; or whether, as seems generally imagined, it points to a junction between the forces of Rosecrans and those in front of Vicksburg, it seems idle to speculate. From Vicksburg and Port Hudson the reports are still most encouraging. In the Yazoo Pass, after two feeble attacks upon Fort Pemberton, the whole Yankee squadron has been compelled to put about and make the best of its way to the rear. Some lopes are entertained of damaging the expedition by obstructions to be placed in the Coldwater or Tallahatchie, but I have little faith in their success. Vicksburg still stands defiantly over the river; the canal is daily less believed in, the flooded and swollen river is wreaking its vengeance upon the trespassers on its banks; the prospects of Vicksburg's invaders, especially as the hot weather approaches grow less and less encouraging. Port Hudson has already once been attacked; it is known that a large Federal frigate, the Mississippi, was sunk in the muddy waters of the river from which it takes its name; that the most glaring disaffection exists among the land forces of General Banks; that a confidence springing out of the recent repulse of Flag officer Farragut's attack has taken possession of Port Hudson's defenders, and taught them, if possible, to surpass the feats of Vicksburg.

If the eye is lifted from the opposing hosts at Fredericksburg and carried westward along the line of the Confederate defence—a line that stretches thousands of miles over mountain, river, lake, swamp, bayou, forest, prairie, and heath, till, starting from the pinewoods of the Rappahannock, it lands us among the palms and magnolias of Galveston, there is no point where a firmer attitude of defence, a more solid state of preparation, is not worn and evinced by the Confederate hosts of 1863 than was ever by them exhibited since the first drum beat to arms. Still, there is a seriousness and earnestness, as we tremble upon the brink of what promises to be the bloodiest campaign of the bloodiest war of modern history, which is generally noticeable, and which I have never before observed. Let no one suppose that they betoken want of confidence. The subjugation of the South was never a probability; it has been manifested by 23 months of bitterest strife to be the wildest of chimeras. But it is felt when, in spite of the hecatombs of dead who have fallen, there is a cry for rivers of fresh blood—when throughout the length and breadth of the land there is scarcely a house where there is not one dead—when valuable lives which never can be replaced have fallen in every hamlet, city, and State—when not only men like Major Pelham, but also mature men, learned and studious, such as Professor Coleman (the Dr. Arnold, as he was reputed, of this continent), have yielded their lives by hundreds—it is felt that this is no moment for thoughtlessness and levity. Another thought is continually finding expression—it is that the two sections do not fight on level ground. The North is flooding her armies with recruits who are three-fourths of them foreigners, many of them taken from the emigrant ships at Castle Garden; the South is sending into the field the very lifeblood of her body politic. It may be that the civilized Powers of Europe, standing as they do upon a higher level than it is possible that I can occupy, may see no hope of successful moral interference. But if they could only witness the misery which is, from every acre of this once favoured continent, crying aloud to Heaven, it could scarcely be but that they would risk some chance of failure rather than permit humanity to be outraged by a continuance of such excess of anguish as has visited no nation since the sword first leaped from its scabbard, and the human heart was first sown with the bitter seed of vindictiveness and hate.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS OF MARITIME CAPTURE.

(To the Editor of the Times, May 7.)

SIR,—I have not failed to observe that the last letter I had the honour to address to you has given rise to animadversion in various quarters. In the discussions to which you have indulgently afforded me a liberal space in your columns I have had, and have, but two objects in view,—the first to maintain what I believe to be the sound principles of public law; the second to vindicate what I know to be essential to the welfare of the country to which it is my happiness to belong. Whether the arguments I address to your readers subserve the cause of the North or of the South is to me profoundly immaterial. To the interests of the rival factions engaged in the internecine strife now unhappily waged among a kindred race I am as much indifferent as it is possible to be without disregard to the ordinary sentiments of humanity. That I have not altogether failed in the impartiality I have desired to observe I may venture to believe from the dissatisfaction which my remarks have had the good fortune to elicit in turn from the partisans of the rival combatants. If the views I have taken the liberty to express on the subject of Recognition, Intervention, and Capture have been distasteful to gentlemen of "Southern proclivities," my remarks upon the topics of the Foreign Enlistment Act and contraband trade appear to have been equally obnoxious to Northern sympathizers. To have earned the consistent applause or condemnation of either would have satisfied me I must have been in error. I am abundantly content with their alternate disapproval and occasional assent.

I have seen it asked, with a degree of not unnatural impatience, whether the American Government is to be permitted to enjoy the advantage of two codes—whether, in fact, they are to have the benefit of a doctrine favourable to neutrals when they are at peace, and to insist, when they are at war, on the extreme theory of belligerent right. If this supposition were well founded in fact I could readily concede that the complaint would be entitled to much consideration. There are nations in Europe between whom and ourselves such a question might raise difficulties of no ordinary kind. There would arise a sort of cross estoppel between the parties, who might be precluded from urging in a former case practice inconsistent with their present pretensions. To the members of the armed neutrality we might deny the exercise of the rights they had always repudiated, while they, on the other side, might insist on the doctrines which we had gone to war to maintain. But this game of "cross questions and crooked answers" happily does not find any place in our relations with the American Government. Upon all the cardinal and leading questions of belligerent rights the American and English doctrine is and always has been in complete accord. The question of the impressment of seamen was almost the only exception, and on that point I think we must now admit that the Americans were not in the wrong. Upon all the questions which have arisen I have based my opinion on the writers and the courts of both countries are absolutely agreed. Wheaton, Story, and Kent are in complete concurrence with Sir W. Scott. In support of this assertion I may cite the following striking testimony from a judgement pronounced by the English Privy Council in the course of the late war with Russia:—

"The law which we are to lay down cannot be confined to the British navy; the rule must be applied to captors of all nations. No country can be permitted to establish an exceptional rule in its own favour, or in favour of particular classes of its own subjects. On the law of nations foreign decisions are entitled to the same weight as those of the country in which the tribunal sits. America has adopted almost all her principles of law from those of this country, and the decisions of English courts have had great influence. Whatever is held in England to justify or excuse an officer of the British navy will be held by the tribunals of every country, both on this and the other side of the Atlantic, to justify or excuse the captors of their own nation."—The Ostsee, 1855.

It will be seen, then, that in insisting on the strict doctrines of our belligerent code the American Government is not to be charged with departure from its own principles. We should therefore remember the equity of the maxim,—

"Cadimus, inque vicem prædemus cruce suprita."

To pass to another topic of complaint. It is alleged, with what foundation I know not, that French traders are more leniently treated by the American cruisers than vessels sailing under the English flag. If the circumstances were in all respects the same, it must be admitted that this would be conduct of an unfriendly character. But at the same time, it must be also observed that so long as the strict rule of right is not exceeded as regards ourselves, it hardly lies in our mouth to object that it is not rigorously enforced against others. If I have a right of action against two persons, I am not to lose my suit against one because, for any reason, I do not choose to proceed against the other. But, next, is it to be at once assumed that the circumstances are equal in the two cases? England, as was well known, has what the French term *spectabile* for the manufacture of "hardware." And it is not wholly impossible that American cruisers may have discovered by conjuncture, information, or experience that this is a species of cargo which they are more likely to discover in English than in French bottoms. And, further, the French war in Mexico, even with reference to such goods themselves, makes it less probable *prima facie* that they are destined for Southern arsenals. It is not therefore, if the fact be as alleged, quite out of the question that French traders run the gauntlet of the blockading squadrons more freely, not because they are better protected than our merchantmen by their own Government, but because they are less suspected by the belligerent navy.

Another complaint, which, if well founded, is a serious one, consists in the alleged delay of bringing prizes to adjudication. In this respect, however, the captured vessel has the remedy in its own hands. The captor can always be compelled to proceed by monition, and if there is any undue delay, damages are always given to the injured party by way of demurrage. At the same time it must be remembered that in time of war Prize Courts are overcharged with business, and difficulties of investigation intervene which make delay sometimes not easy to be avoided. I have before me as I write, the case of the Anna Catharina in our own Admiralty Court (*Rob. Rep.* 6, p. 11), where the ship was taken on August 7th, 1798, and the sentence of condemnation was not passed till December, 1803, and proceedings in respect of costs were still pending in April, 1805. This was, no doubt, an extreme case, but a delay of more than a year between the seizure and final adjudication was by no means uncommon. A very accurate and full account of the principles and practice of the Prize Courts in dealing with questions of this description will be found in Dr. Phillimore's useful compilation, vol. iii., part xi., to which I refer your mercantile readers for more detailed information on points with which it is of great consequence to them to be accurately instructed.

I now arrive at another matter the importance of which it would be difficult to exaggerate. As long as the question of the mail-bags remained in a litigious, not to say bellicose, position, I advisedly abstained from hazarding any remarks which might embarrass a discussion surrounded with difficulty and peril. The course adopted by Mr. Seward in this matter—which in spite of the obloquy which it escaped in certain quarters on all who are disposed to give us justice may be acts of the Government of Washington, I will venture to characterize as a course at once liberal, conciliatory, and courageous—has absolved us in the consideration of this question from the reserve which it might otherwise have been proper to exercise. And I think, considering the manner in which this question has been dealt with by the Cabinet of Washington, those orators who have presumed to impute to that Government a deliberate intention to provoke hostilities with Great Britain may take no small shame to themselves for their intemperate injustice. As the topic has now happily passed from the region of angry dispute into that of amicable discussion, it is permissible to debate the question in its purely legal aspect. I have observed with much surprise that in some quarters it has been taken for granted that the immunity of the neutral mail-bag on board a neutral merchant vessel from belligerent search was an established and indisputable principle of international law. Where the authority for such a proposition is to be found I confess I am wholly at a loss to discover. That such a doctrine has ever been laid down by writers of authority, or practised in the Courts of maritime jurisprudence, I think it would be difficult to prove. Indeed, any lawyer who looks at the language of Lord Stowell in the case of the Lissette Petersen, cited in the well-known case of the Atalanta (*Rob. Rep.* 6, p. 457), would be led to the very opposite conclusion. I am not unaware that M. Hautefeuille and other writers of the anti-belligerent school have insisted on this pretension. But the very principles on which they found their argument show at once that the doctrine contended for is wholly inconsistent with the established code of international law. Indeed, M. Hautefeuille on this point, as on others, finds it necessary (vol. ii., p. 187) to start with the characteristic remark, "L'avis de Sir W. Scott ne saurait avoir aucun poids à mes yeux." I need hardly say that in this country we are not prepared to found our reasonings on such an axiom. The same writer equally disposes, though somewhat less cavalierly, of the opinions of Mr. Wheaton and M. Ortolan, which square just as little with his ideas. Let us examine for a moment the principle on which the assumed privilege of the neutral mail-bag is supposed to be based. It is said that the official seal is inviolable, because it guarantees the *bona fide* destination of the vessel which covers it, and, consequently, the innocence of the contents of the mail-bags. But what, after all, is this, except to revive in a still more obnoxious form the claim by the neutral convoy to privilege from search and capture whichwe extinguished amid the ashes of Copenhagen? The neutral convoy, at least, was a living, sentient, rational assurance that the vessels under its protection carried no unlawful freight, and that they would pursue none but a legitimate voyage. In the case of the convoy the commander was, at least, supposed to have satisfied himself as to the innocence of the cargo and to warrant the propriety of the destination. Nevertheless we, as the champions of belligerent rights, refused to accept this guarantee as a substitute for the right of search and the investigation of our own prize tribunals. And yet it is to be said that the official seal of the Post-office,—which cannot, like the convoy, compel the vessel to adhere to the destination to which it is addressed, and which is unlike the convoy, attached without any means of knowledge of the nature of the materials which it covers,—is to afford complete satisfaction to the belligerent Power. To my mind I confess it seems impossible to escape from the conclusion that the pretension to the immunity of the mail-bag is an *à fortiori* case, and implicitly involves the admission of the right of the neutral convoy to oust the belligerent search. The intimate connexion between the immunity of the mail-bag and the question of convoy is sufficiently indicated by the language of Lord Stowell in the case of the Madison (*Edwards's Adm. Rep.* p. 226). In that case it was sought to condemn an American neutral vessel on the ground of its having taken on board despatches from the French Government to America. The vessel was ultimately acquitted for other reasons, but when it was alleged in justification that the papers in question had come on board under the protection of the American Ambassador the Court instantly rejected such a defence. "Certainly," said Lord Stowell, "if these papers are really of a hostile and illegal nature, it is not in the power of the American Ambassador to sanction them or protect the conveyance of them. This Court has held in cases of convoy that even the interposition of the Sovereign of a neutral country will not take off the criminality of an illegal act. Still less can an Ambassador, acting only under a delegated authority from his Sovereign, be permitted to assume a privilege so injurious to a belligerent whose rights it is his duty to respect." But to take care that the whole matter is not yet open to this